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SUBJECT: U.S. TOBACCO PURCHASE ALLOCATION BY THAILAND  
TOBACCO MONOPOLY

REF: STATE 191622

1. THAILAND TOBACCO MONOPOLY (TTM) PRESENTLY INTENDS TO BUY 22,800 HOGSHEAD OF U.S. TOBACCO IN 1977, AND INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY 7,000 HOGSHEAD OVER THE 15,900 HOGSHEAD IMPORTED IN 1976. IN LIGHT OF THE DEPRESSED DOMESTIC MARKET FOR THAI TOBACCO, RTG HOPES TO BOOST THE EXPORT OF THAI LEAF. TO DO THIS A NEW BUYING POLICY IS TO BE ESTABLISHED WHERE BY PURCHASES OF U.S. LEAF TOBACCO WILL BE ALLOCATED TO SUPPLIERS BASED UPON THEIR PURCHASE FOR EXPORT OF THAI LEAF.

2. TTM HAS ALLOCATED THE 1977 PURCHASES OF 15,900 HOGSHEAD OF U.S. LEAF TOBACCO, EQUIVALENT TO THE AMOUNT IMPORTED DURING 1976, AMONG ITS REGULAR SUPPLIERS ACCORDING TO THEIR PAST PERFORMANCE. THE ADDITIONAL PURCHASE OF 7,000 HOGSHEAD WILL BE ALLOCATED TO SUPPLIERS UNDER THE NEW POLICY. SUPPLIERS INTERESTED IN SUPPLYING ALL OR PART OF THE ADDITIONAL 7,000 HOGSHEAD WILL BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE THAI TOBACCO FOR EXPORT.  
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